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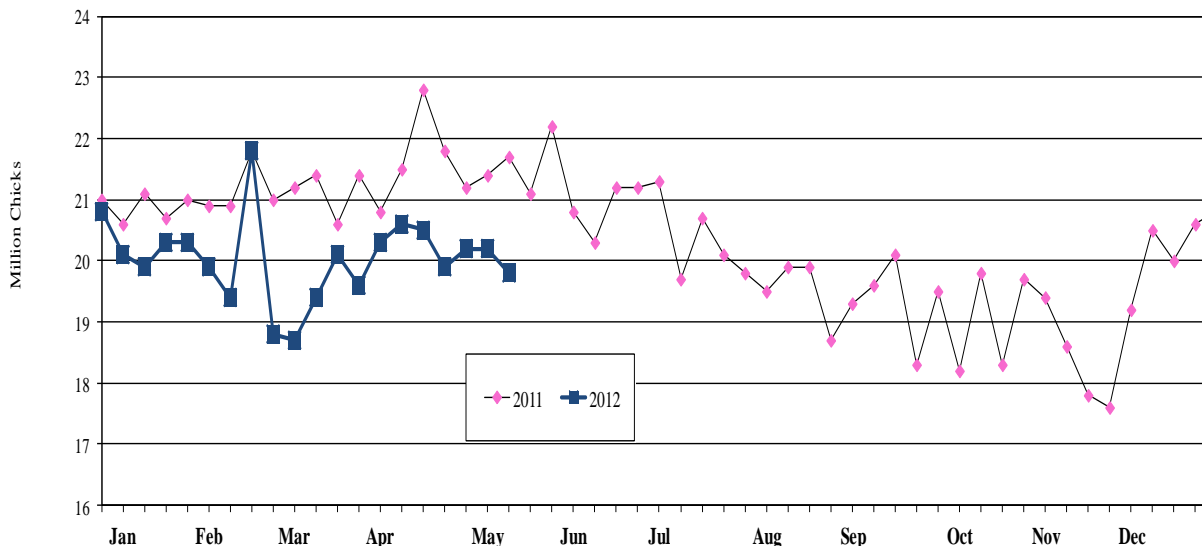
**BROILERS PLACED IN ALABAMA DOWN 9 PERCENT**  
**BROILER EGGS SET DOWN 6 PERCENT**

Placement of broiler chicks in Alabama during the week ending May 12, 2012 was 19.8 million, down 2 percent from the previous week, and down 9 percent from the comparable week last year, according to the USDA, NASS Alabama Field Office. An estimated 27.8 million broiler type eggs were set by Alabama hatcheries, down 1 percent from the previous week, and down 6 percent from the comparable week a year earlier.

**Alabama Broiler-Type Eggs Set and Broiler-Type Chicks Placed**

Week Ended	Eggs Set			Chicks Placed		
	2011	2012	% of prev. yr.	2011	2012	% of prev. yr.
	Thousands			Thousands		
Apr 7	29,704	27,990	94	21,456	20,595	96
Apr 14	30,293	27,904	92	22,792	20,546	90
Apr 21	29,958	28,211	94	21,794	19,877	91
Apr 28	29,727	27,188	91	21,156	20,201	95
May 5	29,890	28,120	94	21,382	20,231	95
May 12	29,446	27,795	94	21,659	19,758	91

**BROILER CHICKS PLACED IN ALABAMA BY WEEK, 2011-2012**



## Broiler-Type Eggs Set – 19 Selected States: 2012

State	Week ending					
	April 7, 2012	April 14, 2012	April 21, 2012	April 28, 2012	May 5, 2012	May 12, 2012
	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)
Alabama .....	27,990	27,904	28,211	27,188	28,120	27,795
Arkansas .....	21,240	21,233	21,168	21,246	21,684	21,793
Delaware .....	3,506	3,550	3,622	3,470	3,620	3,622
Florida .....	1,349	1,352	1,347	1,353	1,352	1,353
Georgia .....	32,564	32,536	32,220	32,356	32,743	32,771
Kentucky .....	7,825	7,668	7,433	7,394	7,659	7,762
Louisiana .....	3,500	3,530	3,530	3,440	3,359	3,470
Maryland .....	7,128	7,393	7,570	7,628	7,449	7,087
Mississippi .....	17,878	17,717	18,068	17,689	17,731	18,185
Missouri .....	7,701	7,686	7,711	7,473	7,481	7,687
North Carolina .....	20,381	20,557	20,434	20,142	20,416	20,389
Oklahoma .....	6,910	6,688	6,849	6,970	6,712	6,926
Pennsylvania .....	3,754	3,934	3,795	3,597	3,610	3,675
South Carolina .....	5,488	5,364	5,483	5,437	5,376	5,482
Texas .....	14,984	14,808	14,782	14,551	14,696	14,627
Virginia .....	6,415	6,166	6,399	6,294	6,290	6,281
California, Tennessee, and West Virginia .....	10,711	11,562	11,267	10,597	10,914	11,021
19 State total .....	199,324	199,648	199,889	196,825	199,212	199,926
Previous year total .....	207,969	208,968	209,132	207,087	207,982	206,342
Percent of previous year .....	96	96	96	95	96	97

## Broiler-Type Chicks Placed – 19 Selected States: 2012

State	Week ending					
	April 7, 2012	April 14, 2012	April 21, 2012	April 28, 2012	May 5, 2012	May 12, 2012
	(1,000 chicks)	(1,000 chicks)	(1,000 chicks)	(1,000 chicks)	(1,000 chicks)	(1,000 chicks)
Alabama .....	20,595	20,546	19,877	20,201	20,231	19,758
Arkansas .....	18,964	19,564	20,389	19,093	18,848	19,920
Delaware .....	4,760	4,647	4,733	4,190	4,350	3,956
Florida .....	1,233	1,289	1,202	1,250	1,083	1,328
Georgia .....	27,899	25,950	27,592	27,300	28,245	27,618
Kentucky .....	5,964	6,097	6,222	6,390	6,035	6,490
Louisiana .....	3,356	3,040	3,095	3,084	3,124	3,130
Maryland .....	5,488	5,915	6,244	6,677	6,380	6,860
Mississippi .....	15,282	15,444	15,418	15,353	14,874	15,477
Missouri .....	5,413	5,972	4,894	5,924	5,767	5,113
North Carolina .....	16,334	16,403	16,421	16,189	16,434	16,651
Oklahoma .....	4,123	3,662	4,238	4,887	5,067	4,772
Pennsylvania .....	3,103	2,927	2,892	3,101	3,138	3,175
South Carolina .....	4,096	4,919	4,754	5,350	4,520	4,819
Texas .....	12,245	12,733	12,622	12,424	12,242	12,343
Virginia .....	4,592	4,824	4,457	4,906	4,604	4,935
California, Tennessee, and West Virginia .....	11,770	10,860	11,158	10,597	11,207	10,608
19 State total .....	165,217	164,792	166,208	166,916	166,149	166,953
Previous year total .....	172,098	173,110	172,008	172,624	172,506	174,014
Percent of previous year .....	96	95	97	97	96	96

Average hatchability for chicks hatched in the 19 selected States during the week was 85 percent. Average hatchability is calculated by dividing chicks hatched during the week by eggs set three weeks earlier.